

mittee might possibly clean this up, better I yield to them. However, the intent solely is to make it clear that in order to vote in a county election or an election in Baltimore City you must live there. This is something which I understand the Committee intended and something that should be made crystal-clear.

I urge your vote in favor of the clarifying amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions of the sponsor of the amendment?

Delegate Sybert.

DELEGATE SYBERT: Will the sponsor yield for a clarifying question?

THE CHAIRMAN: State the question.

DELEGATE SYBERT: Is there any reason why the words "house of delegates district" should be left in? In other words, can we substitute for the words "house of delegates district" in view of the fact that the voter will not be voting in his county?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Carson.

DELEGATE CARSON: I think they need to be left in there for this reason. If you are voting in an election for your delegate to the House of Delegates, then you have to live within the delegate district involved.

On the other hand, if you are voting in a county election, you have to live in the county involved. The district lines for the delegate district may not be the same as your county lines, since delegate districts I am sure in many cases will cross county lines.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Miller, do you have a question?

DELEGATE B. MILLER: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: State the question.

DELEGATE B. MILLER: I would like to ask the sponsor of the amendment if he would make absolutely clear that he would have no objection to our changing this in the Style Committee so that we would accomplish the purpose for which he has offered this amendment, that is to require that a voter reside in the county in which he is going to vote in a county election?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Carson.

DELEGATE CARSON: None whatsoever, Mrs. Miller.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Marion.

DELEGATE MARION: I, too, would like to make clear. As I read your amendment, if it be adopted, and a person were to have resided for three months next preceding an election in a house of delegates district which overlapped more than one county but did not reside in one of the counties for that three months, he then would be precluded from voting for any person in the state of Maryland, or any federal office as well.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Carson.

DELEGATE CARSON: It is intended if a person has lived more than three months in a house of delegates district he will be eligible to vote in that district.

On the other hand, if he has lived in a county for more than three months, he will be eligible to vote in that county.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Marion.

DELEGATE MARION: Is it correct to say, then, that the only purpose for which you want the word "county" inserted is to make clear that there is a residency requirement in a county to vote for county elections?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Carson.

DELEGATE CARSON: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: So that there will not be any question about it, will the Chairman of the Committee on Style please note that in the event the amendment is adopted it is clearly intended to indicate that in any election in which a voter is voting for candidates running district-wide, delegate district-wide, residency requirement pertains to district, and in any election in which the voter is voting for candidates running countywide, county residency is required.

Are you ready for the question?

Delegate Koss?

DELEGATE KOSS: Mr. Chairman, I would point out that certainly I think it is necessary I make a distinction here. Section 1 establishes who are eligible voters, not the candidates for whom they vote.

Now, within a county not only in the house of delegates district, you might also have councilmanic districts, and it has been the procedure that the county government decide who are eligible to vote in which councilmanic district, and one would assume that that would be people who were resident in that councilmanic district.